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### Ready to go Smoke Free?

Visit our web site to learn more about the benefits of smoke-free multi-unit housing and the steps you can take to create a smoke-free environment in your building.

**More than 82% of surveyed renters in Iowa already know that exposure to secondhand smoke presents a serious health risk.**



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**Secondhand smoke cannot be completely controlled by ventilation or air purifiers. A smoke-free policy is the only way to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure and protect the health of your tenants.**



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**It costs 2 to 3 times more to clean a unit that has been smoked in compared to one that has not.**



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# Policies Protect Everyone's Rights

There is no state statute that prohibits smoking in individual apartment units. There is also no state law that prohibits landlords from making an entire apartment building smoke free. You have every right to do so.



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**The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) strongly encourages all public housing authorities to adopt smoke-free policies for their buildings.**



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**“I was reluctant at first, but our local Smoke-Free Homes contact helped me understand the benefits of this new policy. Alicia just took the fear away. And she even provided me with signage so I could advertise the fact that our apartments are smoke free. By far, this is one of the most positive things we’ve ever done.”**

**– Mary Koepke, Manager of the 132-unit Ridge Oaks Apartment Complex in Sioux City.**



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## Some of the Chemicals in Secondhand Smoke (and other products they are found in)

Chemical	Other Product
Formaldehyde	Embalming fluid
Benzene	Gasoline
Polonium-210	Spark plugs
Vinyl Chloride	Metal pipes
Carbon Monoxide	Car exhaust
Ammonia	Household cleaners

Chemical	Other Product
Arsenic	Pesticides
Chromium	Steel
Lead	Old paint
Cadmium	Batteries
Butane	Lighter fluid
Toluene	Paint thinners



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**Get your free Apartment Manager's Guide to  
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